GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:30
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2001
DISCONTINUATION OF CONTRACT SYSTEM
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations where contract system in parcels has been discontinued;

(b) the number of railway stations where unlicensed coolies are being engaged by the contractors instead of licensed coolies for loading and unloading of parcels;

(c) whether the Government have decided to discontinue the contract system in loading and unloading of parcels;

(d) whether the decision in this regard has not been implemented at all the railway stations; and

(e) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken to engage the licensed coolies instead of unlicensed coolies in loading and unloading of parcels at all the railway stations ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

POSITION OF DISCONTINUATION OF CONTRACT PARCEL HANDLING SYSTEM

Railways	Name of Division/ Stations	Period during which contract discontinued	Reason
Eastern Railway	Asansol (6)	1999 - 2001	Court orders
Northern Railway			
(i)	Bikaner (40)	1999 - 2000	Stations closed to parcel traffic due to poor traffic
(ii)	Moradabad (24)	1995 - 1996	
(iii)	Lucknow (18)	1995 - 1998	Court orders
(iv)	Allahabad (2)	1997	
North Eastern Railway			
(i)	Lucknow Jn.	1995	Court orders
(ii)	Sonepur (Barauni Jn.)	1992	
Northeast Frontier Railway			
(i)	Alipurduar (21)	1970 - 1978	Stations closed to parcel traffic due to poor traffic
(ii)	Katihar (3): {Katihar, Siliguri Jn. & Siliguri Town}	1982 - 1983	Work abandoned by Contractor
South Eastern Railway	Nagpur		
(i)	Itwari Group (6)	1994	
(ii)	Gondia Group (3)	1993	Rates dispute

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 30 BY DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.02.2001 REGARDING DISCONTINUATION OF CONTRACT SYSTEM.

(a) The number of railway stations where contract system in parcels has been discontinued primarily due to closure of parcel work or on the basis of court orders, is as under:

Railway	Number of Stations
Eastern Railway	6 (six)
Northern Railway	84 (eighty-four)
North Eastern Railway	3 (three)
Northeast Frontier Railway	24 (twenty-four)
South Eastern Railway	9 (nine)

(b) It is not the policy of railways to permit the contractor to engage licensed coolies for loading and unloading of parcels.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.